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So, tomorrow afternoon you have a scheduled phone interview with Andrew Ramonas from Main Justice. He pitched it as a profile on the work you're doing as U.S. Attorney, mentioned Loughner I believe, but also wanted to talk specifically about Fast and Furious/Brian Terry. He says he understands that you are precluded from talking a lot about ongoing investigations, but I think he wants to get into this topic very fast and very furiously. Below are links to all the stories this reporter, and others have done, and almost more exhaustive and Issa/Grassley-leaning than CBS news!

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I'll print all these out for your book.

3/4/2011

Guns From ATF Mexico Program Ended Up in Crimes

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives program that let guns end up with suspected firearms smuggler in an effort to trace the guns to Mexican drug cartel leaders lost track of hundreds of the weapons, many of which had ties to crimes, The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

The program made it possible for suspected smugglers to buy 1,765 firearms, 797 of which were recovered in Mexico and the United States after they were used in crimes. Of those crime guns, 195 were recovered in Mexico. And two had links to the December killing of Customs and Border Protection Agent Brian Terry in Arizona.

3/8/2011

Grassley Asks That Justice IG Be Removed From Probe

By: David Baumann

Summary: The Justice Department's Inspector General should be removed from a probe into a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms policy that allowed guns to fall into the hands of Mexican drug cartels, Sen. Chuck Grassley said Tuesday. He also said that the IG's office had been aware of the whistleblower allegations and had done nothing about them. Finally, he said that a previous IG report that was critical of ATF policies may have contributed to the decision to allow guns to be smuggled. "Without a greater level of independence, it will be difficult for the public to have faith in the impartiality and integrity of the result," Grassley wrote.

3/10/2011

Holder: Gun Walking is Unacceptable

By: Andrew Ramonas

A Just Department program that allowed gun smugglers to purchase guns is unacceptable, Attorney General Eric Holder said Thursday.

3/14/2011

Mexico Investigating U.S. Gun Probe

By: David Baumann

Summary: Official in the office of Mexico's attorney general said last week that the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives could be subject to legal sanctions as a result of "Fast and Furious," which allowed guns to be smuggled into Mexico without the Mexican government's knowledge.

3/16/2011

Arizona Ammo Smuggling Charges Filed as U.S. Efforts Come Under Scrutiny

By: David Stout

Summary: Three men have been charged in Arizona with trying to smuggle thousands of rounds of ammunition into Mexico in the latest reminder that crime and violence across the border flow both ways, federal officials say.

3/18/2011

Issa Demands Answers on Gun Smuggling Probe

By: David Baumann

Summary: Add Rep. Darrell Issa to the growing list of people who want answers about a gun smuggling probe conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives along the Mexican border.

3/25/2011

Obama Says He Didn't Know About Gun Smuggling Operation

By: David Baumann

Summary: President Barack Obama says he didn't tell Mexico officials about a controversial gun smuggling investigation because he didn't know about it.

3/30/2011

Issa 'Mystified' About Delay in Gun Smuggling Information

By: Stephanie Woodrow

Summary: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa says that Secretary of State Hilary Rosham Clinton is taking far too long to turn over information she has about a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives program.

4/1/2011

Citing Lack of Cooperation, Issa Subpoenas ATF Over Gun Smuggling Operations

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: The Chairman of the House Oversight Committee has subpoenaed the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for information about a controversial federal gun smuggling operation.

4/11/2011

Grassley Worried that ATF Employees Were Told Not To Cooperate

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Sen. Charles Grassley says he is worried that bureau employees were ordered not to cooperate with Congress in a probe of the program.

4/13/2011

Personnel Changes at Phoenix ATF Linked to Gun Probe

By: Stephanie Woodrow

Summary: Personnel moves that the Phoenix office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are linked to a controversial gun trafficking operation.

4/13/2011

Gun Seller Was Concerned About 'Gun-Walking' Operation, Emails Show

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives official attempted to put a gun shop owner at ease over the dealer's participation in a controversial gun smuggling operation and arranged meetings to discuss his worries.

4/20/2011

Issa Threatens to Hold Melson in Contempt of Congress

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Darrell Issa threatened to try to hold DOJ officials in contempt of Congress if they don't produce documents he has subpoenaed.

4/26/2011

Issa, Grassley Send Investigators to Arizona in ATF Probe

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Frustrated by what they perceive of as a lack of cooperation, congressional investigators have traveled to Arizona as a part of a probe into a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gun smuggling probe.

4/29/2011

Obama Administration Extends Comment Period on Controversial Gun Sales Rules

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: The Obama Administration on Friday extended the comment period for controversial proposed rules that would require gun dealers in states bordering Mexico to disclose sales of multiple rifles.

5/2/2011

NRA Leader Calls for Holder's Resignation: Organization Fires King & Spalding

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Attorney General Eric Holder should resign over the implementation of a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gun smuggling program, a key official from the NRA said.

5/3/2011

Holder and Issa Clash on Gun Smuggling Probe

By: David Baumann

Summary: Attorney General Eric Holder Tuesday took "great exception" to the implications that Justice Department Officials are responsible for the deaths of Border Agent Brian Terry and others as a result of a controversial gun smuggling probe.

5/4/2011

DOJ and Issa Fight Over Whether Document Shower Breuer Knew About Gun Probe

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: The Justice Department is disputing claims that a DOJ document released by the House Oversight Committee shows that Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer of the Criminal Division knew about and played a role in a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gun smuggling program.

5/5/2011

Senate Panel Postpones Votes on Four DOJ Nominees

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Four Justice Department nominees may have to wait until at least next week for consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee after the panel recessed Thursday without holding votes.

5/5/2011

Grassley Threatens Nomination Holds Over ATF Investigation

By: Andrew Ramonas

Summary: Sen. Charles Grassley on Thursday threatened to hold up Justice Department nominees over that he perceives as a lack of cooperation from the DOJ with his investigation of a controversial Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives gun smuggling program.

